

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for October 2006

Released December 2006



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

October 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 11/22/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	10/06	09/06	10/05
U.S.	4.1	4.4	4.6
INDIANA	4.6	4.7	4.9
FORT WAYNE MSA	4.5	4.6	4.7
EGR 3	4.9	5.0	5.2
COUNTY:			
Adams	3.9	4.2	4.6
Allen	4.6	4.7	4.8
DeKalb	5.7	5.7	5.7
Grant	6.4	6.6	7.3
Huntington	4.6	4.7	5.0
LaGrange	5.1	5.0	4.5
Noble	5.7	5.8	5.6
Steuben	5.8	5.7	5.5
Wabash	5.1	5.3	6.1
Wells	3.6	4.0	4.0
Whitley	4.3	4.6	4.2
CITY:			
Angola	6.3	6.4	5.8
Auburn	5.5	5.7	5.6
Bluffton	4.9	5.2	4.0
Columbia City	4.8	4.7	4.7
Decatur	5.0	5.3	5.5
Fort Wayne	4.9	5.0	5.1
Huntington	5.1	5.2	6.0
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.7	4.9	5.3
Kendallville	5.7	6.3	6.4
Marion	7.3	7.5	8.4
Wabash City	5.9	5.6	7.2
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.1	4.3	4.6
Gary	4.6	4.9	5.2
Evansville	4.2	4.3	4.6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – October 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette (8.0%)
3	Grant
6	Steuben
8	DeKalb
10	Noble
27	LaGrange
30	Wabash
43	Allen
45	Huntington
59	Whitley
70	Adams
84	Wells
92	Hamilton (2.8%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT October 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	3.6%
Kentucky	4.7%
Michigan	6.1%
Ohio	4.7%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally down slightly or unchanged in October. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 32 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered rate increases, and 6 states had no change. In October, Hawaii and Utah again recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.1 and 2.5 percent, respectively. Nine additional states registered jobless rates below 3.5 percent. Michigan reported the highest jobless rate in October, 6.9 percent, followed by Mississippi, 6.7 percent, and South Carolina, 6.6 percent. Overall, 15 states had unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 6 states reported measurably higher rates, and 29 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. New Jersey registered the largest over the month unemployment rate decline. Six additional states also had statistically significant rate decreases from September; Massachusetts, Washington, Hawaii, New York, California and Pennsylvania. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 42 states, rose in 4 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

FORT WAYNE MSA



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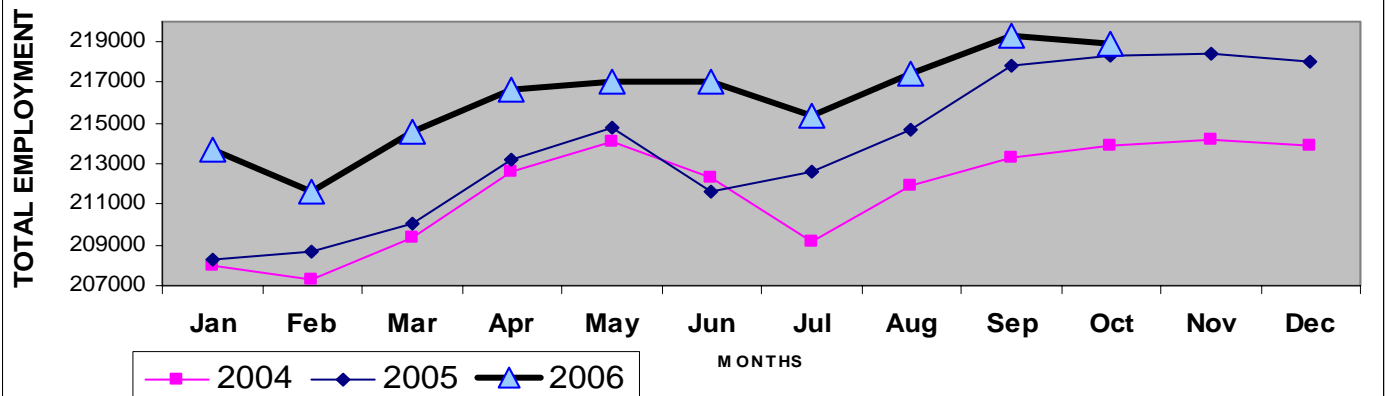
Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	OCTOBER 2006	SEPTEMBER 2006	OCTOBER 2005	SEPT. 2006 TO OCT. 2006	OCT. 2005 TO OCT. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	218,900	219,300	218,300	-400 -0.2%	+600 +0.3%	
Total Private	196,000	196,400	194,600	-400 -0.2%	+1,400 +0.7%	
Goods Producing	49,400	49,800	48,800	-400 -0.8%	+600 +1.2%	
Service-Providing	169,500	169,500	169,500	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%	
Private Srvc Provide	146,600	146,600	145,800	+0 +0.0%	+800 +0.5%	
Nat. Res & Construction	12,400	12,800	11,800	-400 -3.1%	+600 +5.1%	
Manufacturing	37,000	37,000	37,000	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%	
Durable Goods	28,200	28,400	28,500	-200 -0.7%	-300 -1.1%	
Computer and Electronics	4,200	4,200	4,200	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%	
Transportation Equipment	6,400	6,500	6,400	-100 -1.5%	+0 +0.0%	
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	47,300	47,000	47,100	+300 +0.6%	+200 +0.4%	
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,200	12,900	+0 +0.0%	+300 +2.3%	
Retail Trade	23,200	23,000	23,200	+200 +0.9%	+0 +0.0%	
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,900	10,800	11,000	+100 +0.9%	-100 -0.9%	
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%	
Financial Activities	11,800	11,900	11,900	-100 -0.8%	-100 -0.8%	
Professional and Business	21,400	21,500	21,500	-100 -0.5%	-100 -0.5%	
Educational and Health	34,000	34,000	33,700	+0 +0.0%	+300 +0.9%	
Leisure and Hospitality	20,300	20,400	19,800	-100 -0.5%	+500 +2.5%	
Food Services and Drinking	16,800	16,900	16,600	-100 -0.6%	+200 +1.2%	
Other Services	8,200	8,200	8,200	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%	
Government	22,900	22,900	23,700	+0 +0.0%	-800 -3.4%	
Federal Government	2,200	2,300	2,200	-100 -4.3%	+0 +0.0%	
State Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	+0 +0.0%	-100 -2.1%	
Local Government	16,100	16,000	16,800	+100 +0.6%	-700 -4.2%	
Local Govt Education	9,800	9,600	9,900	+200 +2.1%	-100 -1.0%	

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING

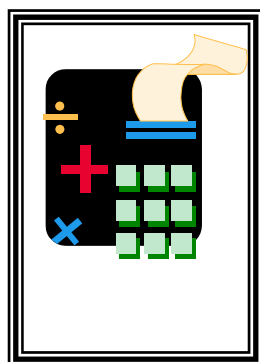
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 2006	SEPT 2006	OCT 2005	OCT 2006	SEPT 2006	OCT 2005	OCT 2006	SEPT 2006	OCT 2005
Manufacturing	\$750.74	\$753.69	\$740.18	42.2	41.7	42.2	\$17.79	\$17.75	\$17.86
Retail Trade	\$319.28	\$311.54	\$302.47	29.7	28.9	29.0	\$10.75	\$10.78	\$10.43

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	October 2006	September 2006	Previous Month % Change	October 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	7,325	6,556	11.7%	6,540	12.0%
Auburn	9,920	8,183	21.2%	7,303	35.8%
Connersville	3,073	2,290	34.2%	1,922	59.9%
Fort Wayne	16,635	14,048	18.4%	16,785	-0.9%
Marion	6,168	4,948	24.7%	4,795	28.6%
Muncie	9,283	6,955	33.5%	8,249	12.5%
Richmond	3,214	2,629	22.3%	3,010	6.8%
INDIANA	254,625	202,780	25.6%	218,829	16.4%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date December 7, 2006

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	8,027
Production Laborers	6,477
All Other Machine Operators	4,325
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,834
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,171
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,866
All Other Hand Workers	2,760
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,228
General Office Clerks	2,173
Cashiers, General	2,040
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,892
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,642
Production Helpers	1,597
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,591
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,506
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,461
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,427
File Clerks	1,413
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,397
Administrative Assistants	1,396



JOB OPENINGS ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3 OCTOBER 2006

	Number of Openings	Average Hourly Wage
Production Laborers	149	\$11.57
Assemblers	106	\$9.72
Painter, Construction and Maintenance	103	\$12.16
1 st Line Supervisor Construction	102	\$17.35
Construction Carpenters	101	\$14.00
Construction Installation Workers	100	\$10.00
Helpers; Other Construction Trades	100	\$10.00
All Other Machine Operators	62	\$12.75
Customer Service Reps-Utilities	59	\$10.05
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	36	\$10.68
Machinery Maintenance Servicers	32	\$17.94
Machinists	32	\$16.08
Machine Tool Cutting Operators	30	\$15.35
Millwrights & Machinery Erectors	30	\$15.35
Welders & Cutters	20	\$12.78
Sales Agents-Financial Services	20	\$12.50

The October 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during September. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.



LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the new listing of eligible Labor Surplus areas effective October 1, 2006. The list will remain in effect until September 30, 2007. Employers located in labor surplus areas are eligible for preference in bidding on federal procurement contract. The reference period used in preparing the current list was January 2004 through December 2005. The national average unemployment rate during this period including data for Puerto Rico) was 5.4 percent. After applying the 1.20 ratio, the unemployment rate for qualifying an area as having a surplus of labor for FY 2007 is 6.5 percent. Therefore, areas are included on the current annual labor surplus area list because their average unemployment rate during the reference period was 6.5 percent or above. The FY 2007 LSA list can be accessed at <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/lsa.cfm>.

ANDERSON CITY
BLACKFORD COUNTY
CLAY COUNTY
CRAWFORD COUNTY
EAST CHICAGO CITY
ELKHART CITY
FAYETTE COUNTY
GARY CITY
GRANT COUNTY
HAMMOND CITY
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TERRE HAUTE CITY
VERMILLION COUNTY
VIGO COUNTY
WABASH COUNTY
WAYNE COUNTY

Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7		

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1		

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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